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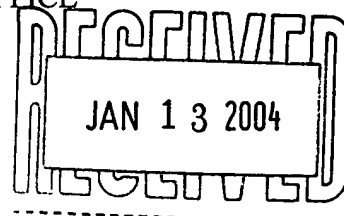
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed, as well as a copy of the cover page of the abridgment of a Australian patent application that is a counterpart to the present application.

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

This application has received a final Office Action. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). In view of the statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) made above, and the accompanying fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p),

consideration of the information cited here is accordingly deemed proper, and such action

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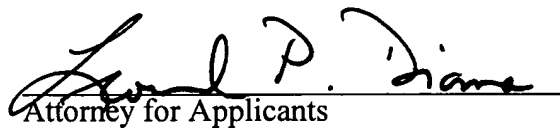
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is respectfully requested. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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